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1. The Soviet Control Commission at Karlhorst directed the German Democratic Republic to order the allotment of locomotives of the 50 or 52 series increased by two for each Bahnbetriebswerke throughout the Soviet Zone effective 10 January 1952. Bahnbetriebswerke Meyenburg was to get four locomotives.
2. On 28 January, Colonel (fnu) Romschewsko (Romschowsky) demanded that the Soviet Control Commission at Karlhorst supply approximately 14000 railroad cars of types R, G, and O which were to be taken from Magdeburg, Schwerin, Erfurt, Dresden, Greifswald, Halle, Berlin-Grunewald and Cottbus between 1 and 8 February. The cars were to have been overhauled, disinfected, equipped with running boards and marked with "Rotpunktzeilein" which is normally used only for damaged cars. The trains were to run the same routes as for the Berlin Youth Festival. All of the G-type cars were to be of GRH and GSL classes. The boxcars were also to be equipped with benches.
3. When the East German Traffic Ministry protested the impossibility of meeting the deadline, it was postponed until 15 February. A new order specified that 4500 SS type cars were to be included in the total number requisitioned.
4. Frankfurt/Oder, Gorkitz, and Stottin-Scheune were to be used as transfer points, each to process ten trains per day.
5. [redacted] if the above-mentioned report is false, it has been so well planned that it was probably instigated from a high level channel for an unknown provocation purpose. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] some increase in 50X1-HUM East German railroad traffic but no where near the volume cited above. Large grain shipments to the East Zone of Germany may explain the alleged movement of the empty boxcars. However, the installation of benches would not be accounted for in this explanation.

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R - flatcar with low sides.  
G - boxcar  
O - flatcar without sides.  
SS - heavy duty freight car.

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